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SUBJECT: Operation GULL  
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1. Objective: The objective of this operation is to make a comprehensive survey of all existing dissident Slav groups in the Berlin area. The survey is expected to seek out and point out to us well placed high caliber dissident group leaders who are suitable to become our informants in providing counter-intelligence information. It is further expected to unmask for us any possible dissident groups who are actually serving as cover for Soviet IS.

2. Methods of Execution: On or about 6 November 1946, GULL will be flown from Munich to Berlin.

a. Cover Story: Subject will tell the following story, if necessary: "Subject is working as a journalist for the newly created Munich Russian language newspaper, NASHE VREMYA. This is a weekly paper published by ZAVALISHIN and edited by MIKHAIL-OVSKI, PORROVSKI and NIAOLAEV. Headquarter's office is located at Herxogstr. 7. It is an organ of the Union of Russian Journalist and Writers. (Note: Subject will actually join the staff of this paper and receive credentials under his cover name, Viktor SCHIMANOWSKY, as an accredited representative of the NASHE VREMYA.)

If necessary, in Berlin, he will recount that after much difficulty, he was able to receive USFET permission to proceed by train to Berlin. He is visiting Berlin on behalf of the NASHE VREMYA for the purpose of learning the present conditions of Russian emigrants and other Slavic groups. He left Frankfurt by train on 5 November 1946 at \_\_\_\_\_ (to be filled in by Berlin) and arrived in Berlin on 6 November 1946, at \_\_\_\_\_.

b. Letter-drop: It is undesirable that subject carry any notes or reports on his person. He will, therefore, deposit routine reports at a letter-drop once a week addressed to Mr. BELL. These reports, which will be in Russian, should be promptly forwarded to this station via AMZOW. In case of emergency and when the time comes for the return trip, subject will write in French and address the envelope to Mr. George BELL, envelope

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addressed in this manner (i.e. giving the FIRST name GEORGE in ADDITION TO BELL) should be opened and acted upon by Berlin. Berlin is hereby requested to furnish the name and address of a letter drop in the U.S. Sector.

c. Quarters: Berlin is requested to furnish an adequately provisioned room where subject may remain from about 7 November to 30 November 1946. (address to be supplied by Berlin).

d. It is further requested that necessary identification documents which would permit subject to be in the U.S.-British-French Sectors be provided. Personal data:

NAME: Viktor SCHIMANORSKY  
ADDRESS: (Provided by Berlin)  
BORN: 13 July 1907, St. Petersburg, Russia  
NATIONALITY: Stateless  
HEIGHT: 1.80 m WEIGHT: 74 k HAIR: Gray-Brown  
EYES: Brown FACE: Oval  
OCCUPATION: Journalist

e. Way-Bill: AMZON is requested to provide a proper way-bill for subject's departure from Munich to Berlin by plane on or about 6 November 1946. An escort is requested.

f. Expenses: Subject will be given 1,000 RM for miscellaneous expenses by this station.

g. Security: From the time of subject's arrival in Berlin to the time he is picked up for the return trip, subject will not contact any U.S. officials. Berlin is expected to instruct him either now or later, through the mail drop, the exact time, date, and place where he will be picked up for the return trip. Upon his arrival, in Berlin, subject will immediately proceed alone to the address given him as his quarters.

Subject requested that he be provided with a "poisonous tablet". If AMZON can comply with this, it may be a physiological stimulant to GULL. This request should not appear strange to those acquainted with subject's background. His possible arrest by NKVD will most certainly mean his end. GULL is most serious about this specific request. It is his only request for the successful completion of the mission.

3. GULL: (Ref: MSC-86, 122, 227, 229, 181, 238, complete vetting information forwarded 22 August 1946). The above cover story is about 85% true and fits the subject's general background. Subject is a well known and respected Russian journalist by profession. He lived in Berlin from 1938 to 1945 and was on the staff of DESFOULI's Novos Slovo from 1939 to 1941. In 1941 he worked in the Ministry Ost as a consultant on Russian emigrant affairs. He joined the VLASSOV Movement in December 1944 and assigned as assistant intelligence chief under General

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**MALISHKIN.** Subject has a life long record of anti-Soviet work dating back to June 1927, when he organized and personally executed the dynamiting of the Central Communist Party Headquarters at Leningrad. His name appears in the Soviet publication "White Guardist Terror Against the USSR". Subject has been our high level informant for the past five months, and it is the case officer's opinion that his work has improved some 100%, making him a more cautious and conscientious informant. He has a wide circle of acquaintances throughout Germany, most of whom treat him with highest respect. At the same time, Subject has not lost his early drive to accomplish things which others may hesitate to tackle. Information furnished by GULL has been checked through various sources, i.e. CIC, our Salzburg office, RADISH, CLAW, SLOTH, and has generally proven to be "usually correct". It is felt that subject should be able to complete the assignment in a satisfactory manner.

4. Current Action: Subject is at present discreetly gathering material for the execution of his assignment. He is preparing all available data on various Slav personalities known to have been, or at present to be located in Berlin. He will return to the French Zone where he expects to have access to Gen. von LANPE's files of White Russians in Germany. The case officer, in turn, has asked (SLOTH) CLIP, PRUNE to prepare a similar report.

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Briefing: The object of this mission, as well as the cover story, has been gone over with the subject four times during the past two days. This briefing will continue over and over again until his departure. The enclosed Declaration was not presented for his signature for purely legalistic reasons, but more to impress him with the importance and seriousness of this mission upon the successful completion of which our future relations with him are conditioned. Prior to revealing the operation, the Declaration was read to him and translated word by word into French and Russian. Subject then read it himself and translated it into Russian. GULL is most enthusiastic about the project and ready to execute it to the best of his ability.

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